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SY - Mr. Amshey

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Discussion of Whittaker Chambers' Testimony with Mr. Raymond Murphy

1) WC - Interviews

You advised me this morning that Mr. Boykin desired that I communicate with Mr. Raymond Murphy, EUR/X, and question Mr. Murphy as to whether Whittaker Chambers had ever given him a list of employees in the State Department who had been involved in espionage activities with Mr. Chambers. I called on Mr. Murphy as soon as I could locate him and discussed this matter with him. (He advised me that he had been directed to talk to Whittaker Chambers in March 1945 and August 1946. He said that Chambers gave him "approximately one one-hundredth" of the information which he had previously given to Mr. Berle<sup>2</sup> of the Department and to the FBI. Mr. Murphy said that when he talked with Whittaker Chambers, Chambers mentioned Alger Hiss and Richard Howell Post of the Department among those persons whom he felt were involved in Communist underground activity. He said that Chambers also mentioned Donald Hiss, the brother of Alger, but refused to make any allegations concerning Donald. According to Mr. Murphy, Chambers also mentioned Harold Ware, the son of Koster Bloor, Harry White, and the Coe Brothers of the Treasury Department, and Henry Collins who was stated to be the treasurer of the group. In response to my question Mr. Murphy stated emphatically that Chambers did not mention either Julian Wadleigh or Mr. Pignam of the Bureau of Standards. He also repeated that Chambers had mentioned no one else who was employed in the State Department. Mr. Murphy also advised me that Chambers' information was very scanty and that he offered no corroboration whatsoever for the allegations which he made.

Mr. Murphy further advised that he went to Mr. Reams in the Secretary's Office and also to Mr. Julius Holmes with this information. He said it was then given to Secretary Byrnes.

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1 - Memo re WC interviews of Murphy & Berle

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